

## Three-Wheel Motor Vehicle Update

### New Information

Three-wheel motorcycles that are operated by public agencies to enforce parking laws are issued exempt automobile plates. Upon sale and transfer of ownership to a private party, they must be registered as a motorcycle and issued regular motorcycle plates.

### Procedures

**Upon transfer of ownership the applicant is required to submit:**

- A bill of sale and all supporting documents required to transfer a vehicle, as shown in the Basic Transfer Requirements section in the *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual* §§11.010, 11.180.
- A completed Application for Title or Registration (REG 343) signed by the applicant.
- A completed Vehicle Verification (REG 31) to verify the engine number.
- All fees due.
- The exempt license plates.

### Background

Three-wheel motorcycles used by local public agencies to enforce parking are issued exempt automobile plates. However, upon sale to a private party, a regular motorcycle license plate must be issued per *California Vehicle Code (CVC)* §400(d).

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